Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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To

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

From

Sgt. Harold M. Bank, 20416637
[Sender's name]
Co M 167th Inf., APO 31,
% PM, San Francisco, Calif.
[Serial number and unit]

14 May 44
[Date]

MARRIED TO THE SWEETEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD ON MOTHER'S DAY WHICH IS TODAY:

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, I got back this afternoon, after a 4 day problem. I had a nice time, but the 15 mile hike today was rough. The sun was extraordinarily hot, and I really suffered. I went swimming Saturday afternoon, and had a nice time.

I have been getting mail from you and Lottie nearly every day, so keep up the good work. Right! I got a letter today from Eva Hoffman, Aunt Minnie's daughter. I heard from her about a week ago, wrote her, and received another letter from her today. She was glad to hear from me. She told me about the whole family. You never heard of most people she said they have a big family. Right! That is the matter, didn't you know the rest of the family. Jean is still working for the government, Max is [illegible], Ida is in the navy air force, [illegible] is working in his [illegible], [illegible] with [illegible], [illegible], and very rich, i.e., [illegible], [illegible]. He is married, and has a little boy 8 months old and a fat wife. Frank, 31, married, is [illegible] in the Marines in Louisiana, and the letter, married and has [illegible] year-old, and little adopted girl, 7 years old. Why don't you find the address of Frank in La., and get her up to the house some Sunday. Right. She also mentioned Lenny's first cousin [illegible] who lives out there. Do you know him? I don't.

I got a letter from Milton Ashburn and Harry Gideon. Milton is a Capt. in England, and Harry is still in Arkansas. Jack Greenstein is in Panama, and is a new boy now. That is he has changed a lot. I will believe it when I see it.

I haven't received a Tuscaloosa News yet. How about calling it up. How did the election come out? Was a Hill man. Did you have an item you heard from me after all of the three weeks. Let me know when you get the newspapers. I think that you just don't like the new set up. Right. You have got need to [illegible], so write them a little every day, [illegible] will get used to them. Right?

I am not in the office anymore, but on the field, and working like the devil. How about sending me Bill Deal's address so I can look him up, also anyone else's address down there that you might have. I have a $40.00 allotment to the bank starting 1 April 44. You might check out and see if it is coming there O.K. Also let me know. I think that the corner where Hamblik used to be would be a good buy. Why don't you buy it? It would be a good investment. How much does the owner want for it. I haven't seen Gen. Hand at us yet, but a lot of the boys did. He was in our [illegible] area recently but I didn't even get out of bed to walk the 10 yards to see him. The people down here don't like him at all.

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon. How about sending me the dozen cheap wrist watch straps, and let me know how much they cost. Right?

Lots,
Harold

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